

# BROADVIEW BULLETIN

Spring 2010

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## The Village of Broadview Welcomes New Businesses



La Concina De Mi General



Chase Bank



LA Fitness



Bright Image Corporation

### Village Hall

2350 South 25th Avenue  
Broadview, Illinois 60155-3827  
(708) 681-3600

Hours:  
Monday: 8:30am-5:30pm-Tuesday,  
Thursday, & Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
Wednesday: 8:30am-2:00pm

United States  
**Census  
2010**

Everyone Counts in  
Broadview

Census 2010  
Questionnaire Assistance Centers  
Open March 19 - April 19

**Broadview Public Library**  
2226 S. 16th Ave.  
Hours: M-F 10am - 1pm

**Schroeder Park**  
2600 S. 13th Ave.  
Hours: M W F 10am - 1pm  
T Th 4pm - 7pm

Census personnel will be available to provide assistance in filling out your forms. Non-English speaking residents can also receive help at one of two locations here in Broadview.

## Sherman Jones-Mayor



With the coming change in the season the Village while being fiscally responsible, is channeling energy towards new businesses, alternative revenue sources, compliance and enforcement of Village Ordinances and infrastructure projects.

At the present time revenues are down but so are our expenditures. More detailed information on village finances is in this edition's Finance Report.

As promised, I am aggressively pursuing new businesses for the Village. I have spent a great deal of time and effort in meetings with potential new businesses for the village. Although it is difficult in today's economy to attract and successfully convince a business owner to move or start a business anywhere, over the last 10 months, 9 new businesses have opened or moved to Broadview with 3 more scheduled to come pending license approval.

We have been looking for alternative revenue sources to fund capital projects among other things. The Village applied for several grants and have been awarded 4 at this time. The grants will provide funds for infrastructure repair or replacement. As of this writing, plans are in place to improve village infrastructure with water main replacements and two road resurfacing projects prepared to go; on Gardner Rd., Bataan Dr and North 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Our neighborhood is continually changing. However, our ordinances have remained constant in some areas, specifically loitering, curfew and littering. I am tasking our police department to be more aggressive in enforcement of these ordinances. Therefore if you see groups of people just congregating or children out past curfew, report it, it is for your safety and theirs.

I have been queried about my hours. I have no set hours, I am available Mon-Sat between the hours of 10:00AM and 9:00 PM by scheduled appointments only. I have the varying hours so that I am available in the PM for those residents, property owners and business owners who are employed or otherwise engaged during normal business hours.

As winter closes, I would like to recognize your village's service departments who provided exemplary service during the winter months. Special kudos to your village public works department, their snow removal process was the best we have experienced in several years.

## Financial Report



The Village will provide individual ten minute consultations with the Village Attorney or his representative attorneys, to answer any legal questions residents may have. The consultations need not be related to Village matters and will be offered as a service only to Residents of Broadview. Dates and times will be posted on the Village bulletin board.

Village of Broadview General Fund			
<i>Expressed in \$000s</i>	Month of January, 2010	Fiscal Year To-Date	FY 09-10 Budget
Revenues	\$ 789.5	\$ 7,508.6	\$ 11,096.5
Expenditures	683.5	8,151.3	11,080.8
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	106.0	(642.7)	15.7

The General Fund ended the month of January with a net surplus of \$106,000, bringing the year-to-date deficit down below \$643,000. What this translates to is your current administration demonstrating fiscal responsibility by increasing revenues, controlling spending and balancing the deficit budget of 1.8 million dollars that was inherited from the previous administration. In the month of January, the Village collected \$789,458 in revenues, of which \$503,000 came from sales, utility, and intergovernmental tax collections and \$144,000 came from in license and permit fees. January's expenditures consisted primarily of employee labor and benefit expenses, which made up 82% of this month's spending.

On a fiscal year-to-date basis, General Fund revenues continue to a trail behind expected collections, representing only 68% of budgeted receipts. Sales tax collections are running 21% lower than last year. Other tax and governmental sourced revenue receipts are also below budget and prior year trends. However, aggressive collection of license/permit fees and reimbursement of village expenses has provided some offset. Additionally, it should be noted that collection of the 1st installment of 2009 real estate property taxes are due in March, so the year-end overall budget variance will likely less significant. Departmental spending continues to be held to essentials, noting that most departments are spending at are below budget and prior year expense levels.

Even with the spending cuts, we have been able to maintain a much higher level of service to the residents and businesses of Broadview than the previous administration.

The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Village Hall Chamber Room.



## Nicole Benson-Trustee



I am thankful for the opportunity to reach out to the community via this newsletter. One thing I heard continuously throughout the campaign was keep us informed. Since I have been in, we have looked for many ways to do just that. An updated website with more to come in the future, ordinances are available on the Internet, our newsletter, and trustees are having departmental meetings to further keep you informed. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), law has been revised and new FOIA officers have been appointed.

I oversee the business licenses within the building department. Our Businesses are very important. They structure our community, offer more than one source of revenue, and they provide convenience. I am happy to say that we have some new businesses here that I believe the residents will utilize such as our New Access Credit Union, J.P. Morgan Chase, LA Fitness is gaining ground, Unique Auto Exchange & Suburban Cook County Regional Office of Education. Some businesses have relocated but we can actively seek new businesses that will help fuel our economy. The business committee encourages your continued input. Thank You to the many that participated in my business questionnaire inquiring what you would like to see here. I got great responses. The top three were **Upscale Restaurant/Bar/Entertainment, 24hr Grocery/drug store and Children's entertainment**. We are currently seeking businesses in those categories and most of all businesses that will bring JOBS as well as add value to our properties. It is very important to keep our industrial businesses here. Did you know we lost a long-standing business, Porter Athletics? They simply needed more space. We are seeking other revenue-based businesses so stay tuned. One of my tasks as trustee is to personally get in contact with each and every one of our many registered businesses whether they are big or small, home based or not. I have already started and it is going well. Communication is and will always be the key! You are always welcome to voice your opinion so please come out, be informed and make it a habit.

Broadview has non-for profit businesses that help our community greatly. I donate or volunteer constantly to causes as I am sure most of you do. I encourage our community to get involved, donate or give your time to our Broadview based non-for profits. If you need more information, please give me a call.

I, along with other trustees, oversee the building department. The building department oversees all types of permits, certificates of occupancy and registration, all types of licenses, adhere to village code and more. Our main function is to keep you safe by working hand in hand with our public works department, fire and police departments. Our building department is up and running and our Commissioner Mr. Upshaw has outdone himself in collecting much needed revenue that we can use to help offset our inherited deficit. Did you know our building commissioner successfully renegotiated a lease agreement between The Village & Nextel, which will yield us increased revenue for the next several years? I am sure he will continue to keep us safe and abide by our code regulations.

The building department and I sponsored a seminar on Identity Theft and it was very successful. The Cook County Sheriffs department provided free cell phones to seniors. Since I received such a positive response, I would like to continue doing seminars. In case, you didn't know, we have changed the vehicle sticker deadline and extended it to 6/15/2010. This was a wonderful resident suggestion. We Hope this helps! We have also enhanced our inspection process called "Title 13". You must have an inspection done prior to selling a home to ensure all water bills, violations etc. are paid and most of all to make sure you are selling a home that has passed a village inspection. This is definitely for safety and definitely so a new buyer coming into to this town is not stuck with a bill they don't owe. I see this quite frequently. The new homeowner goes to the water department to turn their water service on and they are greeted with a bill. This policy will ensure this does not happen and village procedures will be more organized and efficient. For more information on this enhanced version come to my meetings, go through FOIA, check the website, or contact the building department. I am here to serve and with that said, I also got a great opportunity to assist in the preparation of & lend my expertise to The Neighborhood Stabilization Grant for Broadview. I am happy to say that we and a few other communities were awarded with the Grant and I am currently a part of the grant steering committee. The purpose of the grant is to rehabilitate our community by addressing our foreclosed homes & public facilities. As I continue to sit on the board, I will keep the residents updated in my business/building department meetings. Go Village of Broadview!!!

Thank You,

Trustee Nicole Benson

**Next Business Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010**

## Building Department



### 2009

- 1) January – December revenues were \$277,629.12. During 2008, the revenues were \$144,182.61.
- 2) Continued cleanup and compliance of vacant properties.
- 3) Improved communication with residents and businesses via open door policy.
- 4) The Village of Broadview partnered with State of Illinois - Cook County to hold "Identity Theft Seminar" for residents.
- 5) Resolved 2007 Illinois EPA violation. The Village of Broadview became compliant in 2009.
- 6) Established, implemented, and executed the Illinois Elevator Safety Program Agreement between the Village of Broadview and the Office of the State Fire Marshall.
- 7) Renegotiated Sprint contract to create long term revenues over the next 10 years in excess of \$30,000.00/year.
- 8) New Broadview Businesses - Access Credit Union, Chase Bank, Suburban Cook County Regional Office of Education
- 9) Contractor registrations – **207**      **Permits issued - 525**      **Inspections performed – 416**

### 2010

**I believe that 2010 will be a great year for the Village of Broadview as we look to attract new businesses to our industrial and commercial districts:**

**Future Broadview Businesses – Pinnacle, La Fitness, Unique Auto Exchange, Bright Image Corporation, United Funding Incorporated, and Five Star Food Industries.**

**Broadview is our community. I am asking every resident of Broadview to get involved in the development of our Village.**

**As Building Commissioner and a resident, I am committed to providing exceptional services to the residents of Broadview. It is important to me that everyone has the opportunity to own a home and live in a safe, healthy, vibrant, and balanced community.**

**Below are some tips to remember as we approach the 2010 construction season:**

#### Tips To Avoid Home Repair Fraud

- 1) Get more than one estimate, and get it in writing.
- 2) Take time to investigate a company and/or contractor. Call the Better Business Bureau of Chicago 312-832-0500.
- 3) Make sure that the contractor you select is registered, licensed, insured, and bonded with the Village of Broadview Building Department.
  - a. According to the Village of Broadview Building Code 9-2-8: REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS; BOND, CERTIFICATE:

Any contractor or subcontractor, whether an individual, sole proprietor, partnership or corporation, performing work in the village shall not commence work until the contractor or subcontractor has first applied for and received an annual certificate of registration.

Applications for the certificate of registration shall be submitted on forms supplied by the building department. (Ord. 92-36, 10-5-1992, eff. 1-1-1993)

All applications shall be accompanied by a registration fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and by proof of a bond in the minimum sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); provided however that the following contractors shall submit proof of a bond in the sums stated in section 3-1-6 of this code: house movers; sign erectors; building wreckers. (Ord. 92-36, 10-5-1992, eff. 1-1-1993; amd. Ord. 2003-02, 3-3-2003)

Upon receipt of the completed application, required fee and proof of bond, the building commissioner shall issue the certificate.

The annual certificate shall be valid for the current calendar year of January 1 to December 31. (Ord. 92-36, 10-5-1992, eff. 1-1-1993)

- 4) Review the contract carefully. You should look for the following:

- a. **Contractor's name, address, and telephone**
- b. **Get description or scope of work**
- c. **Start and completion dates**
- d. **Total cost of work**
- e. **Get payment schedule**

- 5) Get guarantee and warranty information.
- 6) Get lien waivers. It protects you from claims against you and your property if the general contractor fails to pay his subcontractors or suppliers.
- 7) Don't make a final payment until all work is completed.



**Building Department**  
 2350 South 25th Avenue  
 Broadview, Illinois 60155  
 (708) 345-8174  
 Hours: 8:30-4:30  
**David Upshaw - Commissioner**

## Public Works

As the snow and ice removal season draws to a close, I am pleased to report that the Public Works department is now able to move from a re-active state to a more proactive approach in all of our functions.

Spring brings a new set of challenges that we're preparing to address. I believe the most critical will be to implement a cross connection control program that is a federal and state mandate. It is designed to protect our potable water supply distribution system. This program will be explained in the near future via mailings and at our Streets, Sidewalks, and Alley committee meeting scheduled March 29th at 7:00p.m. in the council chambers Chaired by Trustee Kevin McGrier.

Please continue to keep your toters and trash containers out of the streets for the operation of our street sweeper. We encourage your reporting of street lighting issues, pavement repairs, missing or damaged street signs. Remember that it takes a collective involvement to maintain a clean, safe and appealing community.

### Spring Functions

\*Street Sweeping

\*Parkway Restoration

\*Asphalt street repairs/ Cold patching

**Yard waste collection**



### Public Works Department

2734 S. 9th Avenue  
Broadview, Illinois 60155

**(708) 681-3602**

**Hours: 7:30-4:30**

**Matthew Ames-Director**

*grass, shrubbery cuttings, leaves and other materials accumulated as the result of yard care*

- Yard waste does not include dirt, stones and street sweepings.
- Yard waste is to be placed in biodegradable bags and placed on the parkway with a village purchased **\$2.00 sticker** attached.
- **Branches less than 2 feet, twigs, & clippings**-Put in biodegradable paper bags with sticker, to be picked up at the curbside with the yard waste by the garbage collectors.
- **Leaves**-Dead leaves raked up in the spring must go into a biodegradable paper bag as yard waste. Piles of dead leaves on the parkway cannot be picked up. Only in the Fall will piles of newly fallen leaves be picked up from the parkway.
- **Evergreen/Hedge Trimmings**-Do not pile small clippings that come from hedge trimmings on the parkway with brush. These small clippings go into the biodegradable paper bags. Larger branches from evergreens (2 feet or more) may be piled on the parkway with other brush for Monday pick up.
- **Dead plants and flowers**-Put in biodegradable paper bags with yard waste.
- **Christmas Trees**-Place on parkways until the end of January.



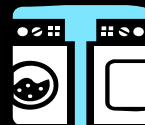
### Brush Pick-up

Every Monday of the Week

To ensure the brush is picked up from the parkway follow these instructions:

- Branches must be no longer than the parkway.
- Small twigs or hedge clippings less than 2 feet long will not be accepted.
- Brush must be stacked neatly.
- Remove all wire, steel, bars, vines, nails or other foreign objects from piles.
- Contractors must remove and haul away their own brush (Public Works does not pick up brush or logs cut down by contractors).
- Brush must be stacked on the Avenue side not the Street side.

Brush pick-up begins the first Monday in April and ends the last Monday in October



**BROADVIEW SPRING  
CLEAN-UP DAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010**

Residents may dispose of similar domestic and commercial large appliances such as: ranges, refrigerators (remove doors), washers, dryers, water heaters, freezers, air conditioners, and humidifiers.

Contact Groot Disposal at (708) 485-0900 for any other objects that need to be discarded by the resident of a Residential Unit.





## Police Department

### SCAM ARTISTS/HOME REPAIR FRAUD

Be aware of the fact that Spring time brings around Scam Artists and Home Repair Fraud-people who offer to do a variety of projects at your home at "discount prices" that sound too good to be true. If it sounds too good to be true, stay away from it. Seniors are often targeted because they are naturally trusting and may find it hard to say no. Scam Artists usually ask for payment up front before they perform any work. They usually work in teams, sometimes distracting you while another person(s) go through your home taking valuables. You usually don't discover the losses until much later, when it's too late to do anything about it.

If someone not familiar to you comes knocking on your door, ringing your bell, talking to you on the street with offers that sound too good to be true and that may be a scam, shut the door and lock it or walk away from them. **Contact the Police Department at (708) 345-6550 and we will check to see if the person(s) is legitimate.**

Homeowners should be aware that anyone who solicits must be approved and registered with the Village Office. Contractors must be on file with the Building Department.

Some examples that scam artists use and are using in Broadview and in the surrounding area to get inside your home to steal your money and valuables are:

- People coming to your house wanting to check the **water pressure** inside your home.
- People offering to do **tree trimming** in your backyard and while doing so talk their way into your home for various reasons.
- People wanting to **check the property lines** of your property because they are doing work in the area and while doing so talk their way into your home for various reasons.
- People coming to your door and stating that they need to **fix an electrical line** and asking for money to fix the line. They then talk their way into your home or follow you into your home if you leave the door open and unlocked.

If any of these scams ever occur to you, close your door and lock it. Then call the Police Department right away at (708) 345-6550. If you feel threatened or if they get into your home, dial 911.

Remember, no one from the Village of Broadview will ever request to come into your home without proper credentials. If you have anyone come to your door that wants to get into your home and you don't recognize them and they don't have the proper credentials, call the Police Department and the Officers will come to your home and verify the people who are requesting to get into your home.



**Police  
Emergency**

**911**

### Police (non emergency)

2350 S. 25th Avenue  
Broadview, Illinois 60155

**(708) 345-6550**

**Ray Pelletier-Chief of Police**

## Fire Department



### ISO Rating Lowered

#### What is ISO Rating

We are rated by Insurance Services Office, Inc.. With this rating, the insurance companies estimate what a homeowner or business owner might have to pay for owners insurance. With a lower number, insurance costs would be better for the owner. We were rated with ISO Class 2. We have just received notice that our ISO rating has been lowered from a Class 2 rating down to a Class 5.

#### What Happened

Prior to the layoffs, we were set to go through the process of a routine re-evaluation, which is done every so many years.

Since the Reduction/Layoffs of Firefighter/Paramedics within the Broadview Fire Department, we have been going through some restructuring of personnel and responses to emergencies. We were given a list of recommendations that we needed to work on to try and maintain the rating. This was accomplished to the best of our abilities.

We have met most of the recommendations but the critical one, personnel, cannot be met at this time. This process has been ongoing since the beginning of 2007.

With the planned changes, we had hoped we could maintain our rating or try to receive a rating in the neighborhood of a 3 or 4. This obviously did not happen. Sometimes changes are made but not accepted when it comes to the ratings. For instance, we have increased the level of Mutual Aid we receive. We do not receive full points for that, although the numbers are the same and in some cases increased.

#### How This Will Effect Us

With respect to the cost that homeowners will incur the cost should be minimal, but with the industry the way it is we will not know the full effects until the residents begin to receive home owner's insurance premiums. Where the biggest effect will be felt is with the Business Owners, again we can not determine the increase, in premiums, but know one will happen.

What we want to make clear is that the Broadview Fire Department along with the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees are committed to improving our manning, but with the economical times the way they are this might take some time. I, along with the Officers and Firefighters would like everyone to know that we have made changes that will allow us to maintain the same level of protection and professionalism that you expect from us.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to call the fire station.



#### Fire/Ambulance Emergency

**911**

#### Fire (non emergency)

2400 S. 25th Avenue  
Broadview, Illinois 60155  
(708) 343-6124  
John Tierney-Fire Chief

**Village President**—Sherman Jones  
**Clerk**—Maxine Johnson

**Trustee**—John Ealey  
**Trustee**—Marquetta Smith  
**Trustee**—Nicole Benson  
**Trustee**—Kevin McGrier  
**Trustee**—Gary Purvis  
**Trustee**—Woodie Morris

**Director of Finance**—Jan Baptist  
**Treasurer**—Thomas Hood  
**Collector**—Donna Barber  
**Budget Director**—John Pieranunzi  
**Human Resources**—Francine Harrell

**Commissioners**  
**Civil Service**—Judy Abraham,  
Alford West & Joanne Jackson

**Fire & Police**—Maurice Ellington,  
Leador Yancy & Jorene Gordon



## Save the Date

### March

29th - Streets, Sidewalks & Alleys Meeting

### April

1st - Census Day  
5th - Village Meeting  
19th - Village Meeting  
26th - Streets, Sidewalks & Alleys Meeting

### May

3rd - Village Meeting  
17th - Village Meeting  
31st - Streets, Sidewalks & Alleys Meeting

All Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.  
Residents are encouraged to attend.

**Vehicle Stickers**  
available for  
purchase at the  
Village Hall  
\$25.00 each

**Stephanie Williams**  
Editor  
**Edmark Press**  
Printer



## In Memoriam

**1932-2010**

Longtime resident Ronald Williams passed away January 14, 2010.

Services for Mr. Williams were held at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery where he was given a military send off.

He was a corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife Audrey, and children Stephanie, Timothy (Arenia), grandson Timothy II and his sister Arnetta Sims.

Mr. Williams retired from Triton College in 1987.

He was a resident for 45 years and will be missed in the community.



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